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OCA 88-0935
29 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
The Deputy Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Representatives Chappell
(D., FL) and McDade (R., PA)

1. On 30 March 1988 at 1630 you will be attending a meeting with Chairman Bill Chappell (D., FL) and Ranking Minority Member Joe McDade (R., PA) of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations in Room H-401 The Capitol. You last met with them on 5 August 1987.

2. I suggest you may wish to discuss the following subjects, for which talking points are attached:

- Situation in Nicaragua. What do Chappell/McDade think Congress will do on overall aid to Contras?

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- Arms Control and new overhead systems. Chappell/McDade wonder what we are doing and thinking as a result of Senator Boren's initiatives.

3. FYI, Evan Heinman briefed McDade [redacted] The briefing went very well; you may wish to offer it to Chappell.

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Nicaragua Situation

The agreement signed at Sapoia on 23 March entails significant concessions from both sides and reflects the pressure both are under to end the war. The insurgents, in particular, face immediate constraints with the US aid cutoff. We expect continued efforts toward achieving a final settlement by the two sides, although major issues remain outstanding. Key issues not yet resolved are: (1) the size and locations of the cease-fire zones; (2) who will deliver humanitarian supplies; (3) whether the rebels will actually turn in all arms under a permanent cease-fire agreement. In addition, some insurgent military and political leaders dislike the Sapoia agreement, raising the possibility that a small cadre of hardcore combatants might keep fighting. [REDACTED]

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On balance, the insurgents are in a much weaker position than Managua. Managua may make some additional concessions to ensure an end to the fighting, but it will not give up its control over the political and military system. Once rebel forces are demobilized they would have great difficulty reviving the insurgency should the Sandinistas renege on the agreement. [REDACTED]

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On the military side, the Sandinistas are maintaining some troops inside Nicaragua opposite the rebel base at San Andres de Bocay following their 11-18 March incursion, but they are withdrawing most of their remaining combat and combat-support forces from northeastern Nicaragua. The border area has been quiet since early last week, although the Sandinistas have kept from 950 to 1500 troops in the area [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Other Sandinista ground forces and air assets are steadily being withdrawn from the border area. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicated that some Nicaraguan troops still might be in Honduras as of last Wednesday. [REDACTED]

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During this past month we have been very active on the Hill providing briefings -- at least 25 to date -- to numerous Members of Congress on the Nicaragua situation. Our briefings and analyses appear to be well appreciated, both for their depth and impartiality. You will want to express your interest in their views as to how Congress will treat the Administration's request for more aid to the Resistance.

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Honorable William Webster
 Director
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Dear Judge Webster:

Under the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives and the rules of the Committee on Appropriations, each Congress the Committee determines the jurisdiction of each of its subcommittees.

Last July the Committee assigned jurisdiction for assistance to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance to the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs. This action removed this program from the jurisdiction of the Defense Subcommittee, although this subcommittee, of course, continues to have overall responsibility for the Central Intelligence Agency and its funding.

In the future, matters involving the Contras should be coordinated through the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, with the Defense Subcommittee kept informed in view of its overall responsibility.

I appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

James Whitten
 Chairman

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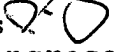
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OCA 87-3400
6 August 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries 
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Representative Bill Chappell (D., FL)
and Representative Joseph McDade (R., PA) on 5 August

1. The DCI opened with a statement underscoring the value of periodic meetings. Messrs. Chappel and McDade heartily agreed. The former noted the value of the meetings in dispelling accusations from colleagues, not further explained. (I believe he means accusations that the Committee does not actively involve itself in the affairs of the intelligence community.)

2. The DCI described what he expected from his new Special Counsel, Russ Bruemmer. After listing Bruemmer's credentials and explaining the help he had provided in determining what needed to be done in the case of the 67 FBI officers who faced discipline at the time Judge Webster was made Director of the FBI, the DCI said that Bruemmer was charged with advising him on whether any judgments would need to be made about Agency conduct in the Iran-Contra matter. If Bruemmer conducted himself as the DCI expected, there might be a place for him in the Agency.

3. The DCI asked for help in fending off Representative Bill Gray's (D., PA) bill to bring CIA under GAO surveillance. Messrs. Chappel and McDade concurred. Mr. Chappel said he would speak privately to Mr. Gray to try to kill or blunt the initiative.

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The DCI described an unclassified chart that showed the ratio of Soviet bloc aid to the Sandinistas in contrast with U.S. support to the Contras. (Note for House Division: Please be sure that Mr. Chappel receives a copy.)

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5. The DCI discussed unallocated cuts [redacted] Messrs. Chappel and McDade were supportive in both instances and commented that they were only waiting on the authorizers to complete their work.

6. Mr. Chappel raised the question of the leak to Bob Woodward and the DCI asked me to prepare a memo for him on the background to this issue.

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(with Director Webster and Deputy Director Gates -- 4 June 87)

5. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes and was quite cordial. In a couple of weeks, OCA should set up through subsequent meeting, probably the week of June 29 unless there are developments that require an earlier session.

Robert O. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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